

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 29, 2015.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

SPEAKER RYAN: I write to inform you that I have notified Ohio Governor John Kasich of my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives, effective 11:59 p.m. October 31, 2015.

At this hour, my heart is full with gratitude. I wish to thank the people of Ohio's Eighth District for giving me the opportunity to serve, my staff for being the linchpins of that service, and my colleagues for honoring me with their trust by electing me their Speaker. Together, we banned earmarks, cut spending by more than \$2 trillion, made the first entitlement reforms in nearly two decades, and made it possible for kids in Washington, D.C.'s toughest neighborhoods to go to great schools. Put another way, we did the right things for the right reasons, and good things happened. It has been an honor to serve.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER.

(Representative John A. Boehner's resignation letter to Governor John R. Kasich will be placed in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2015 prior to adjournment.)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Boehner), the whole number of the House is 434.

MIAMI WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to lend my support to the Miami Walk to End Alzheimer's, and I urge my fellow south Floridians to come out to Museum Park in downtown Miami this Saturday, November 7, to help advance Alzheimer's support, care, and research in our community and, indeed, across our great Nation.

Alzheimer's is a growing problem in Florida, with over half a million sen-

iors impacted. And it is not just patients who suffer. Family members and caregivers, too, often bear the brunt of this tragic and emotionally draining disease. I know this personally, having lost my mother to complications from Alzheimer's on January 28, 2011.

Please consider taking a few hours out of your weekend to benefit Alzheimer's awareness and research for south Florida's elderly and the families who support and love them.

RECOGNIZING AMERICA'S VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, next week this Nation will celebrate Veterans Day, where we rightly pay tribute to the members of our military, past and present, and honor them with the respect and gratitude they deserve. Liberty is bought and paid for by the incomprehensible generosity of these patriots.

We also honor the commitment and sacrifices of our military families by celebrating Military Family Month in November. Through deployments, separations, and moves across the country and overseas, these families inspire us as they endure the extended absence of their loved ones with grace, strength, and devotion.

America is the land of the free because we are the home of the brave. I thank our veterans for seeing the value of freedom and rising to America's defense with unfailing strength. I thank our military families for standing with our servicemembers, supporting that great bravery, and sharing in the sacrifice.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL DAVIS RYAN

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to America's new Speaker of the House, PAUL DAVIS RYAN.

I have been grateful to serve with the Speaker for a number of years, and I know he is a proven conservative. I know his positive commitment to the people of the First District of Wisconsin and every corner of our Nation, which he visited while campaigning in 2012.

I look forward to Speaker RYAN's conservative leadership, cited in the National Journal Daily as "chief Democratic villain in Washington." He was also condemned as a "budget-slashing fiend." Despite these attacks, his service will advance meaningful, conservative change for the American people, limiting government, and expanding freedom. Congress has a positive leader, as we work to promote a strong national defense of peace through strength.

The Economist identified the Speaker as a dogmatic conservative with faith in supply-side reform for growth-boosting.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and the President, by his actions, must never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Our sympathy and prayers to the people of Russia upon the deaths of 224 persons onboard the Metrojet charter flight in Egypt.

RECOGNIZING LINDA CHMIELEWSKI

(Mr. EMMER of Minnesota asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Linda Chmielewski from St. Cloud for receiving a 2015 Nurse of the Year award from the Minnesota March of Dimes.

Linda, who is the vice president and chief nursing officer at St. Cloud Hospital—CentraCare Health, was named a recipient of the leadership award. She has effectively overseen the hospital's nursing department and ensures that her patients receive quality care, making her fully deserving of this award.

This is not the first time that Linda has been recognized for exemplary work. In 2014, she was honored by the Women's Health Leadership Trust, again, for her leadership in the healthcare field.

Nursing is a noble profession. We have all been cared for by a nurse, so we all know they go to great lengths for their patients. Without caring individuals like Linda, our healthcare system would suffer. So it is an honor to recognize her and all nurses for their service.

Linda, thank you for your hard work and dedication to our community.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DENHAM) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 30, 2015.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on October 30, 2015, at 3:12 p.m., and said to contain a message from the President whereby he notifies the Congress of his intention to terminate the designation of Burundi as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO TERMINATE THE DESIGNATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI AS A BENEFICIARY SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRY UNDER AGOA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 114-72)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 506A(a)(3)(B) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act, as amended (AGOA) (19 U.S.C. 2466a(a)(3)(B)), I am providing notification of my intent to terminate the designation of the Republic of Burundi (Burundi) as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under AGOA.

I am taking this step because I have determined that the Government of Burundi has not established or is not making continual progress toward establishing the rule of law and political pluralism, as required by the AGOA eligibility requirements outlined in section 104 of the AGOA (19 U.S.C. 3703). In particular, the continuing crackdown on opposition members, which has included assassinations, extra-judicial killings, arbitrary arrests, and torture, have worsened significantly during the election campaign that returned President Nkurunziza to power earlier this year. In addition, the Government of Burundi has blocked opposing parties from holding organizational meetings and campaigning throughout the electoral process. Police and armed youth militias with links to the ruling party have intimidated the opposition, contributing to nearly 200,000 refugees fleeing the country since April 2015. Accordingly, I intend to terminate the designation of Burundi as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under AGOA as of January 1, 2016.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 30, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore MESSER on Monday, November 2, 2015:

H.R. 623, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1314, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess until approximately 4 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOLDING) at 4 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY INSIDER THREAT AND MITIGATION ACT OF 2015

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3361) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Insider Threat Program, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3361

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Department of Homeland Security Insider Threat and Mitigation Act of 2015".

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF INSIDER THREAT PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 111 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"SEC. 104. INSIDER THREAT PROGRAM.

"(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish an Insider Threat Program within the Department. Such Program shall—

"(1) provide training and education for Department personnel to identify, prevent, mitigate, and respond to insider threat risks to the Department's critical assets;

"(2) provide investigative support regarding potential insider threats that may pose a risk to the Department's critical assets; and

"(3) conduct risk mitigation activities for insider threats.

"(b) STEERING COMMITTEE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a Steering Committee within the Department. The Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis shall serve as the Chair of the Steering Committee. The Chief Security Officer shall serve as the Vice Chair. The Steering Committee shall be comprised of representatives of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, the Office of the General Counsel, the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, the Privacy Office, the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer, the Of-

fice of the Chief Financial Officer, the Federal Protective Service, the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, the Science and Technology Directorate, and other components or offices of the Department as appropriate. Such representatives shall meet on a regular basis to discuss cases and issues related to insider threats to the Department's critical assets, in accordance with subsection (a).

"(2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis and the Chief Security Officer, in coordination with the Steering Committee established pursuant to paragraph (1), shall—

"(A) develop a holistic strategy for Department-wide efforts to identify, prevent, mitigate, and respond to insider threats to the Department's critical assets;

"(B) develop a plan to implement the insider threat measures identified in the strategy developed under subparagraph (A) across the components and offices of the Department;

"(C) document insider threat policies and controls;

"(D) conduct a baseline risk assessment of insider threats posed to the Department's critical assets;

"(E) examine existing programmatic and technology best practices adopted by the Federal Government, industry, and research institutions to implement solutions that are validated and cost-effective;

"(F) develop a timeline for deploying workplace monitoring technologies, employee awareness campaigns, and education and training programs related to identifying, preventing, mitigating, and responding to potential insider threats to the Department's critical assets;

"(G) require the Chair and Vice Chair of the Steering Committee to consult with the Under Secretary for Science and Technology and other appropriate stakeholders to ensure the Insider Threat Program is informed, on an ongoing basis, by current information regarding threats, best practices, and available technology; and

"(H) develop, collect, and report metrics on the effectiveness of the Department's insider threat mitigation efforts.

"(c) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this section and the biennially thereafter for the next four years, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate a report on how the Department and its components and offices have implemented the strategy developed under subsection (b)(2)(A), the status of the Department's risk assessment of critical assets, the types of insider threat training conducted, the number of Department employees who have received such training, and information on the effectiveness of the Insider Threat Program, based on metrics under subsection (b)(2)(H).

"(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) CRITICAL ASSETS.—The term 'critical assets' means the people, facilities, information, and technology required for the Department to fulfill its mission.

"(2) INSIDER.—The term 'insider' means—

"(A) any person who has access to classified national security information and is employed by, detailed to, or assigned to the Department, including members of the Armed Forces, experts or consultants to the Department, industrial or commercial contractors, licensees, certificate holders, or grantees of